

objections, if any, for introducing house service connection^s immediately or the conditions required for such introduction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—(a) 1. Under original works Rs. 31,319—8—0 and under maintenance works Rs. 6,878—12—6.

2. A quantity ranging between 16 and 18 thousand gallons per day.

3. The quantity is not yet fixed. It is expected that the quantity will have to be increased to 25,000 gallons per day.

4. The probable quantity of water that would be required after the completion of the scheme was estimated to be about 4½ lakhs gallons. Under the present condition it is expected that it will be possible to supply about 60,000 gallons per day.

5. 12,400 feet.

6. After all the street taps and mains are laid.

(b) Please vide answers to (a) (6).

Companies in Mattancheri.

159. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of registered Companies existing in Mattancheri;

(b) and the total amount of company tax collected by the Municipality in the year 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Fifteen.

(b) Rs. 1,235 till 24th Mithunam 1104.

Total Government Tax in Mattancheri.

160. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the total amount of revenue under all heads of receipts collected from the town of Mattancheri through the various Departments of the Government, and the total amount of expenditure spent in Mattancheri?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not possible to give an answer as the period for which information is wanted is not specified.

Qualifications of a Tahsildar.

161. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications for a Tahsildarship at present prescribed by Government;

(2) have the rules in the general Standing Orders laid down during the Diwanship of Sir A. R. Banerji been changed subsequently;

(3) if so, will they be pleased to state what those changes are;

(4) did Mr. V. Achyuta Menon, the present Anchal Super-

intendent, who was a permanent Tahsildar, possess all the qualifications of a Tahsildarship;

(5) had he undergone Survey Training;

(6) if not, was the fact brought to the notice of the Government by the Head of the Department at that time;

(7) if so, what action was taken;

(8) is Mr. Sesha Ayyar, who was recently confirmed as Tahsildar, qualified in all respects to hold that post;

(9) is Mr. Mahadeva Ayyar, acting Tahsildar of Trichur, similarly qualified?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1), (2) and (3). The Member is referred to the Standing Orders, a copy of which with the correction slips is placed on the Council Table.

(4) Yes.

(5) No.

(6) No.

(7) No answer is called for.

(8) Yes.

(9) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will you be pleased to give the qualifications of a Tahsildar? I am referred to the Standing Orders; but if I open the book, the pages fly away.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—You can have it from the copy placed on the Table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is the same copy and I find much difficulty in looking into it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is so damaged.

President.—It contains many slips also. I think it is being revised.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—All posts carrying a pay of Rs. 50 or more including those of Tahsildar, etc. They should have passed the Revenue Account Test, Survey Training, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether the Tahsildars referred to in the question have got those certificates?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I do not think they have.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how is it that it is stated here in the answer to (4) 'yes'? In answer to subdivision (5) the answer is 'no'. According to the Standing Orders he is to undergo training in Surevy.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—What was meant by that answer was this. It was that they were eligible for that. They were exempt from the provisions of these articles. Persons who had substantive appointment on Rs. 20 and more were exempt from the provisions of that article.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know

whether they had these qualifications, and it is said 'yes'. But in the next answer it is said that they have not passed Survey Training.

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—What I say is 'yes' means only this, that they are eligible for the post. 'Yes' does not mean that they have all the qualifications.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without qualifications!

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—They were exempt from the provisions of the articles.

President.—Though they do not possess the necessary certificates, by reason of the exemption rule, they are qualified for Tahsildars' posts.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were they exempted by the Government?

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—There is the general exemption in all cases.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where?

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—By an order of the Government.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are they exempted from these Standing Orders?

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—They have been exempted from these Standing Orders.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Under which order?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Under Standing Order No. 4.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not that. I want the order of the Government appointing these men as Tahsildars.

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—You wish me to refer to that exempting them from these qualifications. "Proceedings of the Government of Cochin, Local and Legislative Department, dated 26th April 1920. The interpretation of Standing Order No. 4, that is, the Standing Order referred to before, has given rise to difficulty unanimously in all the Department. So, Government do not think that this rule should continue any longer. In the case of appointments carrying a substantive pay of Rs. 20 and above, they may be exempted from the qualifications provided in the Standing Order". So these officers are exempted from that Standing Order.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So Standing Orders will not stand in the way of these officers. Then again I want to know if the rules laid down during the Diwanship of Sir A. R. Banerji have been changed subsequently.

Mr. T.M. Krishna Menon.—I do not know whether they have been changed. It would appear that he prescribed

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some treasury training also to become a Tahsildar. It is not a test exactly. It is only some training.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What training?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Some treasury training, that is, to go and work in the treasury.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have these officers undergone that training?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They are getting their training, because they are doing treasury work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that, after they had been appointed as Tahsildars, they had been trained?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Even to get themselves trained in treasury work, they have to be in the treasury.

Starting of a Girls' School at Chelakkara.

162. **Mr. T. K. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they propose to start a separate school for Girls at Chelakkara;

(2) whether they have appointed a Drill Instructor to the L. S. S., Chelakkara; if not, why not?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) There is no such proposal.

(2) A Drill Instructor to the L. S. S., Chelakkara has been appointed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know the number of girls attending the school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot give the exact number. It must be about a 100 or something more.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—What is the minimum number required for a Primary School for girls?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is no minimum number laid down. There it is a mixed school. So far as the Primary Department is concerned, we do not insist on separate classes. It is only when it comes to the secondary grade that we insist on separate classes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Are there any Secondary Schools which are mixed schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, there are a few cases. In Chelakkara it is a mixed school. In the case of Boys' High Schools, to give admission to girls, special sanction has to be taken.

Headmaster in Cranganur.

163. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ "Boys' High School" ൽ ഒരു ഉയർന്ന ശമ്പളക്കാരനായ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്ററെ വെച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത് കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തിക